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SUBJ: REPRESENTING UK INTERESTS ON TAIWAN: CONSULAR

REF: (A) STATE 224059 (1972 NOTAL)

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1. SUMMARY. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH EMBASSY TAIPEI EXPECTED TO ASSUME IN CONNECTION WITH REPRESENTATION OF BRITISH INTERESTS ON TAIWAN ARE SET FORTH.

2. UK EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING PAPER ON HANDLING OF BRITISH PASSPORTS BY EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION:

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3. BEGIN QUOTE: RESIDUAL BRITISH INTERESTS IN TAIWAN:
HANDLING OF BRITISH PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

(1) THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN TAIWAN WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO ISSUE OR RENEW PASSPORTS ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. IT IS, HOWEVER, REQUESTED THAT THE US EMBASSY ACT AS A CLEARING-HOUSE FOR BRITISH PASSPORT APPLICATIONS MADE IN TAIWAN BY RECEIVING THESE, FORWARDING THEM TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN TOKYO FOR PROCESSING AND, ON RECEIVING PASSPORTS FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY, HANDING THESE TO THE APPLICANTS. IF THE APPLICANT'S ADDRESS IS CLEARLY SHOWN ON THE APPLICATION ANY

SECONDARY CORRESPONDENCE ON POINTS OF DETAIL CAN BE CONDUCTED WITH HIM DIRECT BY AIRMAIL.

(2) THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL APPLY TO ALL CATEGORIES OF BRITISH PASSPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE ISSUED BY DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, EG HONG KONG.

(3) IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE US EMBASSY RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE FEE IN ADVANCE IN EACH CASE AND CREDIT THIS TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THEIR BRITISH INTERESTS ACCOUNT.

(4) IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FORWARDING OF THE BULK OF PASSPORT APPLICATIONS TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN TOKYO MIGHT BEST BE DONE BY USING US DIPLOMATIC COURIER SERVICES TO THE US EMBASSY IN TOKYO. THEY COULD THEN BE COLLECTED BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY. VERY URGENT APPLICATIONS COULD PERHAPS BE SENT DIRECT TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY, 1 ICHIBANCHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 102, BY REGISTERED AIRMAIL.

(5) IN CASES OF EMERGENCY, WHEN THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO RENEW OR REPLACE A PASSPORT BY THE ABOVE PROCEDURE, THE US EMBASSY IN TAIWAN IS REQUESTED TO EXTEND THE APPLICANT'S PASSPORT FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD TO ENABLE THE HOLDER TO REACH THE NEAREST BRITISH PASSPORT- ISSUING AUTHORITY. THE US EMBASSY IN TAIWAN IS REQUESTED TO SEND TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN TOKYO A MONTHLY RETURN OF ANY SUCH EXTENSIONS. NO BRITISH FEE WOULD BE CHARGEABLE.

(6) THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN TOKYO SHOULD BE CONSULTED IN CASES OF DIFFICULTY OR OVER POINTS OF DETAIL AND IS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE AS

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NECESSARY. A LIST IS ATTACHED SHOWING THE MOST

COMMON TYPES OF APPLICATION TO BE EXPECTED, WITH
NOTES ON THEIR HANDLING. END QUOTE

4. LIST MENTIONED IN BRITISH PAPER AND SAMPLES OF FORMS
NEEDED TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE BEING FORWARDED
SEPARATELY. WE HAVE REQUESTED BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON
TO ASK UK EMBASSY IN TOKYO TO FORWARD A SUPPLY OF THESE
FORMS DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY TAIPEI. REQUESTS FOR
ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF FORMS SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO
UK EMBASSY IN TOKYO VIA EMBASSY TOKYO.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PLACE SINGLE ADVERTISEMENT IN
CHINA NEWS AND CHINA POST ANNOUNCING THAT EMBASSY HAS
BEGUN TO REPRESENT BRITISH INTERESTS. EMBASSY REQUESTED
TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT IF BROADER PUBLICITY SEEMS ADVIS-
ABLE. TEXT OF ADVERTISEMENT SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY,
BRITISH NATIONALS ON TAIWAN SHOULD REFER CONSULAR AND
RELATED INQUIRIES TO THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TAIPEI, AT (ADDRESS). UNQUOTE.
COST OF ADVERTISEMENTS SHOULD BE PAID FROM BRITISH
DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT (SEE SEPTTEL).

6. ALTHOUGH BRITISH INSTRUCTION QUOTED ABOVE DEALS
SOLELY WITH QUESTION OF PASSPORT ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL
(WHICH EXPECTED TO BE LARGEST SINGLE BURDEN) EMBASSY
ALSO EXPECTED TO PERFORM OTHER CONSULAR DUTIES OUTLINED
IN REF A. QUESTIONS REGARDING PROCEDURES OR OTHER PROBLEMS
SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT AS THEY ARISE.

7. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF
ALLEGIANCE AND REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS WILL
BE FORWARDED AT LATER DATE.

8. DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT TO PERFORM CONSULAR FUNCTIONS
FOR UK ON TAIWAN BASED ON ASSURANCE THAT ADDITIONAL BURDEN
ON CONSULAR SECTION IN TERMS OF MAN HOURS REQUIRED WOULD
NOT BE SEVERE. SHOULD THIS PROVE NOT TO BE CASE,
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ESPECIALLY IF WORKLOAD IN CONSULAR AREAS OTHER THAN
PASSPORT ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL UNEXPECTEDLY HEAVY, EMBASSY
SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT. ROGERS

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